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Columbus Miss.

Sept 21<sup>st</sup> / 899.

Gov Sir,

Dear Sir,

My Son  
Bernard Cheves entered  
the College. A & M -  
yesterday, and freely  
intended to accompany  
over, but was feeling so  
badly that I failed to  
do so.

Will you please Sir  
see that the boys do  
not "haze" him as a

school boy would turn  
it, for he has a terrible  
temper, beside he is  
a delicate child, and  
is always sick.

He has been a great  
sufferer from kidney  
and bladder troubles -  
also from Constipation.  
Please Sir pay strict  
attention to this yourself.  
He is my baby, and my  
whole heart is wrapped  
up in him.

If he ever has a chill  
when his fever rises.  
He goes right into

Congestion, and almost  
dies before any thing  
can be done for him.  
Please do me the above  
favor to assist to my  
boy, and if he gets sick  
please sit him to Mr  
John Mayo. So I can  
come immediately.  
Keep Bernard who he  
one of the good boys  
and never give any of  
your trouble.

Very Respectfully  
Mrs J B Flood.  
Please Sir never allow  
my boy to go to Starksville



only on the Sabbath, for  
I have the College boys  
buy whiskey there.

Bernard has a natural  
thirst - for whiskey, as  
his father always had.  
Please don't let Bernard  
run about the last 2  
this time.

Mrs J B Flood

Columbus, Miss,

12/14/99

Gov Jm Stone

A & M College

Starkville, Miss

Please send my son Bernard Cheves  
home this evening. Will explain by  
letter.

(signature) Mrs. J B Flood.

Dec 18<sup>th</sup> / 899.

Gov Stone,

Dear Sir:

Your  
letter received. and am  
truly sorry that my boy  
has been guilty of any  
misdeemeanor. to take  
you to ever confidence  
in him.

I certainly appreciate  
the course you pursued.  
but little did I dream of  
that my humble boy  
was

allowed himself to be  
influenced by bad  
Company -

Will you please Sir let  
me know the trouble -  
and please Sir deal gently  
with him, as its the only  
time of his life, that  
he has caused me  
pain -

Very Respectfully  
Wm J B Flood -



Columbus, Miss

Dec 21, 1899.

Dear Mr Stone,  
A & M College,

Letter just received. My son  
will return.

(signed) Mrs. J. B. Flood

Columbus Miss.

Dec 20 / 899.

Gov Stone,

Dear Sir:

My Son Bernard  
Cheves came home yesterday after  
noon, greatly to my surprise - and  
Said - Why is it that a young man  
can leave school without your per-  
mission or his guardian -

I certainly thought that the disci-  
pline of a Military College  
were so rigid, that it was not  
left to the students to act as they  
thought best; but that the President  
would enforce his rules more strictly.  
Bernard says one of the Senior Class  
was expelled also & this, and that  
him he ought to have gotten up  
before the faculty and school, and  
begged pardon for his first offense,  
and promised to behave better -

You must advise me how to pro-  
ceed in this matter. He tells me  
positively that he will not return  
before Xmas, but that he is willing  
to return afterwards -

If I attempt to force him to return

now, the less one he will not go -  
but will run away some where else,  
with the influence that has been  
exercised over him. Since he left  
home with other boys, he certainly  
is a changed boy -

Will you please let me know the  
whole cause of the misconduct -  
and whether you will receive him  
again, and upon what conditions -

Since do all I can to assist you  
in this matter. Hoping to receive  
an answer very soon.

Very Respectfully -  
Mrs J. B. Flood.